

**United States Environmental Protection Agency
Criminal Investigation Division
Investigative Activity Report**

Case Number

0900-0441

Case Title:

ED Coat

Reporting Office:

San Francisco, CA, Area Office

Subject of Report:

CASE CLOSING INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITY REPORT, ED COAT,
JANUARY 9, 2014

Activity Date:

January 9, 2014

Reporting Official and Date:

[REDACTED]

09-JAN-2014, Signed by: [REDACTED]

Approving Official and Date:

[REDACTED]

13-JAN-2014, [REDACTED]

SYNOPSIS

ED Coat is a electroplating operation in Oakland, California. In 2002, Jerry Rossi and ED Coat plead guilty to Clean Water Act violations related to the illegal discharge of plating waste into East Bay Municipal District sewers.

In July, 2012, Alameda County Deputy District Attorney [REDACTED] asked that EPA-CID assist District Attorney Investigators investigate allegations that officials at ED Coat were continuing to discharge plating waste into EBMUD sewers.

This case is CLOSED.

DETAILS

EPA-CID and Alameda County DA investigators, working with EBMUD inspectors, were able to develop some historical proof that officials at ED Coat were continuing to illegally discharge plating waste into EBMUD sewers in and around 2011 and 2012. In 2013, however, ED Coat's business permit was revoked by the City of Oakland. EBMUD also revoked ED Coat's discharge permit. Soon thereafter, ED Coat laid off its employees and ceased to operate.

This case is being closed because ED Coat officials have informed DDA [REDACTED] that they do not have the financial means to re-open the plating operation. Both the EBMUD discharge permit and the City of Oakland business permits continue to be in a revoked status.

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On January 3, 2014, the reporting agent drove by the ED Coat location during normal business hours. The business appeared to be empty and closed.

This case is CLOSED.